

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1079

By: Pittman, Adkins, Armes, Auffet, Banz,  
Benge, BigHorse, Billy, Blackwell,  
Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Cannaday,  
Carey, Cargill, Collins, Coody,  
Cooksey, Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney,  
Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Ellis,  
Enns, Faught, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton,  
Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Hoskin,  
Hyman, Ingmire, Inman, Jackson, Jett,  
Johnson (Dennis), Johnson (Rob), Jones,  
Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel,  
Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Luttrell,  
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),  
McAffrey, McCarter, McCullough,  
McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy),  
McMullen, McNiell, McPeak, Miller,  
Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations,  
Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron),  
Piatt, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar,  
Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Rousselot,  
Schwartz, Sears, Shannon, Shelton,  
Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson,  
Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson,  
Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Turner,  
Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Winchester,  
Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Eason McIntyre of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution supporting Foster Care Week;  
expressing support for One Church One Child of  
Oklahoma and the foster parents in this state; and  
directing distribution.

1       WHEREAS, the primary aim of Foster Care Week is to raise the  
2 profile of fostering in the community by promoting the great work  
3 done by existing substitute care services in both the government and  
4 nongovernment sectors. Foster Care Week also creates an opportunity  
5 to focus on the secondary aim of increasing recruitment by  
6 highlighting the ongoing need for the recruitment of appropriate  
7 foster families; and

8       WHEREAS, another important aim is the acknowledgment of current  
9 carers and foster families. This acknowledgment shows carers and  
10 foster families that they are appreciated; it contributes to  
11 sustaining their ongoing commitment; and it gives a message that  
12 they are not being taken for granted; and

13       WHEREAS, the aims of Foster Care Week are to celebrate and  
14 acknowledge the work of foster carers. All persons who have been  
15 involved with the development and the annual celebrations of Foster  
16 Care Week have a strong commitment to maintaining and further  
17 reinforcing a positive image of foster care in the community; and

18       WHEREAS, One Church One Child was established as a national  
19 minority adoption recruitment program and was founded in 1980 by  
20 Father George Clements in the State of Illinois. One Church One  
21 Child was born out of Illinois' adoption crisis in the 1970s where a  
22 disproportionate number of African American children were available  
23 for adoption and lingered in the foster care system; and

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1       WHEREAS, One Church One Child of Oklahoma is a nationally  
2 recognized special recruitment program designed to find adoptive and  
3 foster parents for children. This program provides an organized  
4 method of reaching out to the community through the churches and  
5 other organizations to explain the adoption and foster needs of  
6 children; and

7       WHEREAS, One Church One Child of Oklahoma is governed by a  
8 statewide interdenominational ministerial Board of Directors  
9 dedicated and committed to carrying out the mission and mandate of  
10 the program on behalf of the waiting children in the State of  
11 Oklahoma; and

12       WHEREAS, One Church One Child takes pride in offering the  
13 families and communities served various recruitment, support, and  
14 retention resources, such as the Wendy's Wonderful Kids program,  
15 Community as Parenting Partners program, Adoptuskids, Realizing  
16 Educational Achievement with Community Help, Family Ties Support  
17 Group, and the TJ Roberts Board of Directors and Mary L. Breshers  
18 Scholarships; and

19       WHEREAS, One Church One Child celebrates twenty years of making  
20 a difference in the lives of families and children in the State of  
21 Oklahoma.

22       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
23 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

